

Councilman reappears following resignation

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Days of Our Lives or a Romulus City Council meeting? It was difficult for many residents to keep up with the action Monday night as the council chambers became the site of a dramatic clash of opinion.

The turmoil revolved around the recent resignation of Councilman Charles Miller.

Miller tendered his resignation in writing to City Clerk Linda Choate Sept. 13 after he became upset during a study session about the city water shut-off policy.

Prior to the Sept. 27 council meeting, Miller announced his intent to rescind his resignation. Council members, however, were unsure of the legal precedent for any such action.

City Attorney Barry Seifman was instructed by council members, last week to determine if there was, in fact, a vacancy on the council, due to Miller's resignation.

Seifman reported this week that in his opinion, following his research, a vacancy did exist. Miller should no longer be a city councilman and his resignation should be effective, Seifman said.

There was a vacancy on the council, Mr. Miller requested his resignation. Councilman William Crova said that it was unfortunate that an elected official had decided to resign, but that he

Council members voted to accept Seifman's findings and determined that a vacancy existed by a 4-2 vote.

Councilman William Wadsworth agreed with Seifman that there was a vacancy, but Councilwoman Debbie Romak was of the opposite opinion.

"There is no vacancy on the council," said Romak. "Mr. Miller made it known that it was his request to withdraw his resignation."

Romak said that at one time or another everyone sitting on the council has become frustrated and said that they were done; the only difference is that Miller put in writing.

Councilman William Crova said that it was unfortunate that an elected official had decided to resign, but that he

did resign and therefore there was a vacancy.

Councilman Michael Prybyla said that he believed there was no vacancy on the council for the betterment of the city, not the council.

"This is very bad for this city," said Prybyla.

Seifman suggested that Miller, who was seated with the other council members be asked to leave. Miller, however, refused.

Crova then asked for a brief recess during which Miller remained in his council chair.

In the packed audience, residents supporting Miller became upset with the ruling of the council.

"He (Miller) is such a good worker," said Verlie Wilhide, a 28-year Romulus resident. "He is out in this community every week doing everything he can to take care of the residents. He didn't deserve this at all. It takes a hell of a man to admit that he made a mistake, but that doesn't matter to the rest of this council."

Miller remained seated in his chair, even after two Romulus police officers approached him asking him to leave. Then as the residents began arguing in the audi-

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Crowning moment

Members of the homecoming court at Romulus High School this year included, from left, front row, Queen Kenise Thompson, Katie Hale, Ebony Coleman, Janet Johnson and Monique Solomon. In the second row, from left, are Michael Knight, Ronnie Brown and King Avery Stephenson. Crowned as reigning royalty for 2004 during halftime ceremonies during the football game against Dearborn Edsel Ford High School before more than 2,500 spectators were homecoming queen Kenise Thompson and homecoming king Avery Stephenson. The couple also held court during the homecoming dance Saturday evening.



School board formally adopts May election dates

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Members of the Romulus Board of Education will now be chosen during elections in May.

Following a directive of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, members of the Romulus Board of Education adopted a regular election resolution during their meeting last week. The adoption of a resolution requiring that the office of school board trustees be on the May election ballot in both even and odd years was part of nine consolidated elections bills signed into law by the governor Jan. 8.

Regular school board elections will now be scheduled on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May each year. Newly elected board members

will then take office July 1 of the same year as the election.

Romulus school officials met the requirements of the law by posting the proper legal notice of the regular election resolution meeting in local newspapers. A public hearing on the matter was also scheduled. They were also careful to close the regular election resolution meeting before adopting the new measure during the school board meeting which followed immediately on Sept. 27.

Prior to the new measure, elections were scheduled only during odd year general elections.

The resolution, adopted unanimously, will now be filed, as required, by board secretary Celeste Roscoe, with the secretary of state.

Local residents participate in annual area church Crop Walk

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Staff Writer

Last weekend, Belleville residents 'walked the distance' to raise funds to feed the hungry and help cure liver disease.

The Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk took participants on a 6-mile trek around town, starting in Romulus and ending in Belleville, to generate funds to feed hungry people throughout the world. The event took place throughout Michigan in more than 140 Detroit areas. The Belleville-Romulus Crop walk included more than 300 walkers, according to Father John Hagan

from Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville.

This year, 10 area churches participated including: Trinity Episcopal Church, Community United Methodist Church in Romulus, St. Aloysius Church in Romulus, Mount Herman Baptist Church in Belleville, Belleville Church of God, Faith United Methodist Church in Belleville, Open Arms Lutheran Church in Belleville, St. Anthony's Church in Belleville, First United Methodist Church in Belleville and Belleville Presbyterian Church.

Hagan said that the funds are still being totaled, but they hope

that they reached their \$33,000 goal. The funds will be donated to four local hunger agencies—the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus, St. Vincent De Paul of St. Aloysius and St. Anthony Church, the Belleville Emergency Food Causes at the Belleville Methodist Church and the Belleville Church of God food pantry. The remaining money will go to agencies throughout Michigan and all over the world, said Hagan.

Now in the 22nd year, the Belleville area walk has grown into a huge fundraising event for the community churches, according to Al Ives from St. Vincent De

Paul.

"It originally started at St. Anthony's Church and just grew from there," he said. "We try to raise as much money as possible. We usually do just as much, if not more than other areas in Michigan. We do quite well for our area."

This year, the top walkers were Virg Stoltz who raised \$4,020 and Father Tom Cusick who raised more than \$700.

Walkers Brenda Jones from Belleville and Iyanna Blackwell from Canton Township said that it was their fourth year participating in the Crop Walk. They had their family of 15 join them to

support their congregation at Mount Herman Baptist Church.

"It's a good cause for the hungry," said Jones. "It's a blessing that so many people got out this year to do it. My mother, who has diabetes and congestive heart failure, was one of them who still gets out there for the walk."

Others, such as Norm Wisniewski from Belleville, volunteered in another way—picking up the tired and weary walkers.

"This is my first year working for the Crop Walk, but I wanted to do my part to help out," he said.

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Incumbent county commissioner faces familiar opponent

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Incumbent Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan (D-11th District) will face a familiar name in politics at the polls Nov. 2.

Former state legislator, township board member and Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law is opposing Sullivan for the county office.

Sullivan said that when he first started in politics, he decided that he was not going to be one of those people who sat around and did nothing. "I was one of the guys who came from a family with no history in politics. They weren't big on it," he said. "I decided that we needed someone in Wayne County who was good and honest, so I decided to run to help make things better."

The 11th County Commission District serves the communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Canton and Wayne. Sullivan has served three consecutive terms and he said that it's time to do it again.

"Obviously I appreciate that fact that I got to serve the Wayne County area and I would like to be able to for another 6 years," said Sullivan.

He added that he is looking forward to continuing the fight for the citizens of western Wayne County.

"My goal is to serve the people," he said. "It is a difficult job in Wayne County, but there are a lot of good people doing a lot of good things and I hope to continue to fight for that," he said.

Sullivan said that he has been able to accomplish a lot in the last couple of years including becoming not only a leader on the county commission, but also as vice-chairman.

"I try to do everything I can to be accessible and to help the constituents," he said. "I feel that I have the experience and have made many good relationships. In order to accomplish anything, those are important to have," he added. "The experience I've gained in 6 years is pretty invaluable."

Law, a Canton resident, said that he has always had an interest in government. Now, his interest has turned to Wayne County.

"Overall, there is not much control in Wayne County. Who is representing who in this area? Who is looking out for the people?" said Law. "It's hard to tell who's running anything. There has to be accountability."

Law served on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees from 1978-1983 before becoming township supervisor in 1991. He also served two terms as a state representative from 1983-1991 and again from 1995-2000. He was active in several committees, including health policy, insurance, judiciary and family services. In those committees he took an active role to enact numerous legislations such as making heart defibrillators possible and others on animal fighting laws.

Law said that the people need a county commissioner who will fight government waste and be accessible to the public. He said that he would do so by reworking the system, making sure not everything 'is politics.'

"My common interest is what's good for Wayne County," he said.



John Sullivan

Sullivan said that he has led efforts to make Wayne County more accessible and accountable to the people including the effort to revamp the airport noise mitigation. Work is well under way on that federally-mandated plan at homes near Metro Airport. Impacted homeowners will receive about \$20,000 in home improvements designated to limit the noise from jets overhead.

"People were waiting for years and we worked hard to get that straightened out," he said. "It's not easy dealing with Wayne County, but if you have good relationships things are a lot easier," said Sullivan. "You can disagree in a reasonable way without causing friction."

Recently, Sullivan helped with plans to secure \$4 million dollars in park improvements for Wayne County communities including: \$2 million to Van Buren Township, \$1 million to Belleville for the Horizon Park lake project and the rest of the funds for Wayne and Canton Township improvements. He said one of his main goals is to stay on top of the fight for those improvements that was approved by voters on the millage.

Currently, Sullivan is working on road, drain and budgetary issues.

"These are things that come up constantly that we are working on," he said. "County-wise, we are staying on the budget crisis to make sure we are getting as much money for Wayne County as possible. I will take care of these issues as long as I'm in the county."



Gerry Law

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Absent: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-387

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 7, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-388

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to grant a No-Fee Permit to the Romulus Kiwanis Club to sell peanuts on September 30th 2004 and October 1st and 2nd 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Presentation from David and Norm Johnson. Update on Visteon Village.

04-389

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gary Reed.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion unanimously.

4B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-390

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Mr. Rollo Juckette for Auctioneering service for the Annual City Auction to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at the City of Romulus D.P.W., located at 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. Precinct Map Request.

04-391

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth, to adopt second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 04/05-02 introduced at the meeting held September 7, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-392

6A3. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Public Hearing to be held October 25, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing consolidation of election dates in accordance with the state statute, (Senate Bill No. 877, signed by the Governor Granholm on January 8, 2004).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-393

1A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse payment of Warrant 04-17 with the exception of Fund #301 Beverly Road construction in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy One Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Ninety Four Cents, (\$371,179.94).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain -Crova. Motion Carried.

04-394

1B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse payment of Warrant 04-17, Fund #301, Beverly Road Construction in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Six, One Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$256,182.50).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak. Motion Carried.

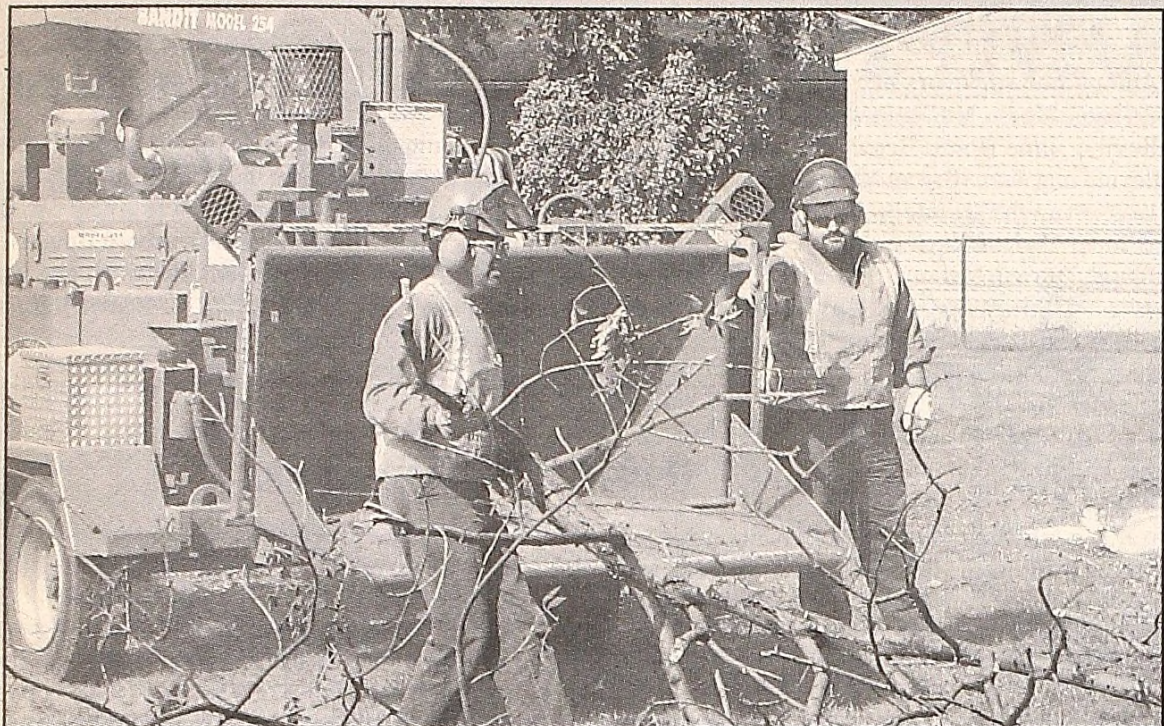
12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 13, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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Workers from the Wayne Department of Public Works show how to properly chip a diseased ash tree Monday.

Timber... State announces plan to remove ash trees

Scott Spielman
Editor

There are more than 40 trees in Sue Winn Park in the City of Wayne, and all of them have to be cut down.

The bare branches of the ash trees, trunks emblazoned with large orange 'Xs,' provided the perfect backdrop Monday for state officials to announce a new program designed to reduce the costs of the ongoing war against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Initiated by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the program calls for the state to use a collective bid system to award a contract for the removal and disposal of ash trees. Any firm would be allowed to bid on the contract, providing representatives attend a pre-bid meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Firms must also prove their ability to take down the trees and properly dispose of them, according to Patricia Lockwood, EAB policy director for the governor. That means taking down the tree, grinding the stump and transporting and disposing of all tree materials safely and properly.

The state invitation to bid will set a benchmark for firms interested in doing the work, according to Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel, a spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). The anticipated lower price would then be available to local municipalities and, through them, individual homeowners. The program would apply to all trees, not just ash trees.

"We hope this will allow homeowners access to drastically reduced rates," said Dan Wyant, MDA director. "We anticipate it will significantly reduce the removal costs. The goal is to work cooperatively with our local partners."

The Emerald Ash Borer was discovered in the summer of 2000, according to Lockwood.

Since then the dime-sized green pest has killed more than 12 million trees in southeastern Michigan, placing 13 counties into a state of quarantine from which the trees cannot be taken. It has threatened vast expanses of the trees in the northern part of the state and in Canada, too.

"We anticipate it will significantly reduce the removal costs. The goal is to work cooperatively with our local partners."

The removal of the trees represents a huge cost to municipalities, many of which are already dealing with tight budgets that stem from the difficult economic times.

Wyatt said the state was no different, in that regard.

"We don't have the kind of funds to do what we'd like to do, which is assist in the cost of replacing these trees," he said.

The state-level contract is the next best thing, he said. It will provide a lower cost for the removal of the trees, and could help local economies. Any firm that matches the accepted bid and is qualified to do the work can take on the job, which will be directed by a representative in the local communities.

Mitch Irwin, director of the department of management and budget, said that type of partnership is important.

"We should be cooperating in any way we can to help our municipalities do more with less," he said.

Many communities have been actively combating the pest and the dangerous trees they leave behind. In Westland, where officials estimate more than 3,200 ash trees will ultimately have to be taken down,

they've received a \$135,000 grant for tree removal and another \$20,000 grant for tree replacement.

That money will disappear fast, though.

"At \$200 to \$400 a tree, it won't go very far," said Tom Wilson, director of the Westland Department of Public Services (DPS). "It's a small program."

Without grant funds, however, the removal and replacement of the tree can be astronomical. Robert English, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the City of Wayne, estimated that the city has spent more than \$300,000 taking down trees during the last 3 years. About 850 have come down in the parks and public rights of way and as many as 1,000 still need to come down, including those on private property. Most of the funds have been redirected from other areas, like a \$30,000 regular expense to plant new trees that has been taken out of the budget and limited snowfalls have also helped.

"It's a difficult issue for a small community in these economic times," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. "This help means a lot to us."

English said that the homeowners could be the real winners in the program. They have been paying as much as \$1,000 to remove the ash trees.

"(The state price) could be a third of the cost," he said.

The exact price won't be known until the end of the year, though. The request for bids will go out in November, with responses due back in early December. After that, representatives in the local municipalities will be the people to handle the replacement program.

For more information on the program or to find out how to bid on the work, visit www.michigan.gov/mda.

New transportation supervisor named

Betty Cantrell, a 14-year veteran of the Romulus Community School District, has been named supervisor of transportation.

She will replace Shirley Lamberson, who is retiring from the district.

Cantrell began her career with the Romulus schools in 1992 as a bus aide. In 1993, she was promoted to bus driver. She was previously employed in clerical and secretarial capacities with the Down River Guidance Clinic and the Lambrecht Co.

Cantrell has also been with several leadership positions with AFSME local 64. She served as a union steward for 4 years helping to mediate situations with supervisors and drivers. She was president of her local for 2 years.

Romulus Schools Director of Business and Finance Bill Routhier said, "Betty is very



Betty Cantrell

experienced in matters that concern the transportation department and is a valuable addition to our administrative team.

"I look forward to working with her in the future."

Council

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ence, Miller stood up and vacated his seat to calm down the crowd, but he did not leave the council chambers.

After a brief recess, the council meeting resumed with a motion by Crova to nominate Miller to serve the remainder of the vacated term.

"I believe in the election process," said Crova. "Miller was the selection of the people."

Romak also voted for the motion saying, "In 2001 the people spoke when they elected Miller."

Wadsworth said he was saddened by the situation comparing it to the split regarding the deep injection well. "People are out there picking one side or another," said Wadsworth. "But Miller started this process."

But Wadsworth said he was willing to give anyone a second chance and voted for the motion.

Councilman Leroy Burcroff said he believed that Miller owed the community and the council an apology for his hasty actions before voting yes to the motion. "This is a black eye to every official," said Burcroff. "We teach integrity and we need to practice it."

Miller was officially selected to fill the seat by a unanimous vote.

Crop Walk

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The 4th annual Michigan Liver Walk also took place last Saturday at the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville.

Jennifer Dale, executive director from the Michigan Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, said that despite Mother Nature's attempt to sabotage the walk, they managed to overcome the odds with a great turnout.

"We had more than 300 people participate including volunteers,

Choate then swore Miller into office and he, again, took his seat with the other council members.

"I want to put this behind me now," said Miller. "I let my anger get the best of me, but I will not apologize for being passionate about the job that I do. There is a great need in this community and I hope that I will get the opportunity to help those in need."

Miller also thanked all of the residents who came out in support of him through this situation.

"I was overwhelmed by the outpouring that I received from the residents in this community," said Miller. "I will now continue to try to bring things on board that are good for the entire community, not just sections of it."

Several residents at the meeting said they were very happy with the decision.

"The council did exactly what Miller did," said Wilhide. "They made a mistake and then fixed it by putting him back on the council. Maybe now everyone can understand what it is to make a mistake in this city."

But other residents were not as forgiving as Wilhide.

Debbie Lattner scolded the entire city council for its behavior in the matter.

"I am ashamed that I put an X by your names," said Lattner. "You are here to represent the people."

and online donations," she said

Last year, the Liver Walk generated more than \$25,000. Dale said that this year, they generated \$22,000. The goal was \$35,000.

The Michigan Chapter of the American Liver Foundation was formed more than 4 years ago to raise awareness about hepatitis and other liver diseases. The foundation and their medical advisory board members work to organize liver update presentations, along with other programs and services for the Michigan liver community, according to the organization.

OBITUARIES

HACK, Paul A.

Paul A. Hack, 78, of Romulus, died Sept. 20.

Mr. Hack served in World War II and was a POW. He was a plumber in the Ann Arbor area for more than 35 years.

Among his survivors is his wife, Frances; nine children; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at the Nie Family Funeral Home in Ann Arbor.

Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ypsilanti Township.

SIRHAN, Jerry M.

Jerry M. Sirhan, 39, of Romulus, died Sept. 26.

Among his survivors are his mother, Mary (Mazur) Sirhan; brothers, Robert (Ann) Sirhan, of San Antonio, TX, Michael (Imtisal) Sirhan of Las Vegas, NV, Fred (Kathleen) Sirhan of Romulus and Christopher Sirhan of Brownsville, TX; sisters, Susan Sirhan-Tuaigi and Donna Sirhan, both of San Antonio, TX and Doris (Kevin) Eskildsen of NC, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

GOODIN, Charles W.

Charles W. Goodin, 69, of

Romulus, died Sept. 25.

Among his survivors is his wife, Mae (Murphy) Goodin; a son, Gary (Darlene) Goodin of Roseville; a daughter, Patricia (Michael) Blake of Westland; brother, Earl Goodin of Burnham, IL and Ezekiel Goodin of Homosassa, FL, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William O'Nan of Faith Community Wesleyan Church in Livonia officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

JACOBS, Helen Katherine

Helen Katherine "Bertie" Jacobs, 92, of Belleville, died Sept. 29.

Among her survivors are her children, Robert C. (Sandy) Urfer Jacobs of Belleville and Diane H. Arduin of Florida; a bother, Ernest N. Becker of West Branch; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

Mrs. Jacobs was a member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 1135 in Belleville and was also associated with Jacobs Horse Sales and Saddlery.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

MCDONALD, Evelyn Ruth

Evelyn Ruth McDonald, 84, of Belleville, died Sept. 30.

Among her survivors are her children, Mary McDonald of Belleville, Jane (Paul) Brown of Belleville and Joan (Bryce) Mathis of West Branch; grandchildren, Kathleen Martinex, Kimberly Maitland, Patricia Mchone, Steven Brown, Mitchell Brown, Paul Brown II and Paula Carpenter; 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McDonald boarded horses at her farm, Smoky Acres, named for her horse, on Riggs Road.

She drove street car during World War II and later became a bus driver.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BLASKIEWICZ, Josephine Annie

Josephine Annie Blaskiewicz, 86, of Romulus, formerly of Taylor, died Oct. 1.

Among her survivors are her children, Eddie

Blaskiewicz of Romulus, Cindy (Henry) Flateau of Belleville and Debbie (Ron) Barron of Romulus; 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A fan of Polish music, Mrs. Blaskiewicz and her husband won several dancing contests prior to his death.

Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for Mrs. Blaskiewicz at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville.

Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Wayne County Airport Authority will hold a Public Hearing on a proposal to demolish Building #278 at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Constructed in 1929 the building originally served as an aircraft hangar and maintenance facility. **The Hearing on the proposed demolition project will be conducted at the Doubletree Hotel, located at 31500 Wick Rd. in Romulus, or November 4, 2004 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Building #278 is a contributing structure to the, potential Wayne County Airport Historic District, which appears to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office that demolition will have an adverse effect on Building #278, altering characteristics that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feelings, or association [36 CFR 800.5 (a)(1)].

A draft Environmental Assessment of Building #278 is available for public review at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174), the State Historic Preservation Office (702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909) the Detroit Public Library (5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202) and the Administrative Offices at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport, Smith Terminal-Mezzanine, Detroit MI 48242.

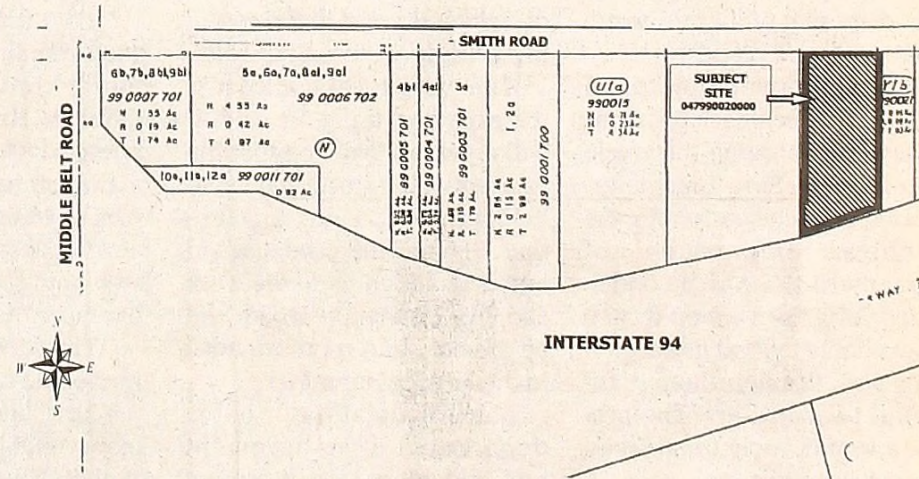
It is not necessary to attend the Public Hearing to submit written testimony for the official record. Testimony, which will be accepted until the close of business on November 19, 2004, can be mailed to: Division of Public Affairs & Environment, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Smith Terminal-Mezzanine, Detroit, MI 48242.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE ALTA LIFT TRUCK

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2004, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to establish an equipment rental and repair facility on a parcel of land located at 82-80-047-99-0020-000 Smith Road. The parcel is zoned MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. This type of facility is permitted in the MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, October 18, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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OPINION

Sounds like a plan

Officials from the State of Michigan announced a new program Monday, designed to help ease the cost of taking down and replacing Ash trees decimated by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

Essentially, what they will do is allow local municipalities – and through them, homeowners – to take advantage of state contracts for companies qualified in the removal and disposal of the trees. What that means is that homeowners will pay less to take down and get rid of the dead or dying trees – that’s the goal, anyway.

It’s not a perfect, complete plan, but it is a good start.

What we’d like to see, of course, is some more money flowing from the state or federal government to help further ease the cost of taking down the trees and disposing of them, which can be done in one of two ways. They can be chipped down to bits less than an inch in size, or burned at a specially-designed incinerator.

The EAB has decimated the Ash tree population throughout southeastern Michigan, and has threatened the once-noble species. State officials estimated Monday that already 12 million trees had been killed and millions more were threatened.

It’s a huge problem, and one that will have a severe impact, particularly in southeastern Michigan, where the infestation was first noticed and where it is most widespread.

It will be an expensive problem to fix, too, at a time when the economy isn’t good and virtually all communities are looking for ways to tighten up their budgets.

Unfortunately, many of these communities will have to do without any additional money. There may be grants available, but there will be a long line for a relatively limited pot. The State of Michigan, with its well-documented budget troubles, is hardly able to help. And any money from the federal government will most likely be impacted by the ongoing war overseas.

This will most likely be another case where the locals will have to handle more work with limited resources with only token assistance from the state.

The real winners, though, will be the landowners who would otherwise have to spend a lot more money to solve a problem that they most likely inherited. When the full details of the plan become available in December, they should take full advantage of it.

New approach is needed

After the defeat of their \$150 million bond issue, officials in the Van Buren Public School District, said they will go back to the drawing board, determine what went wrong, and then try again.

Here’s a suggestion they might want to look at: ask for less money and talk to more people.

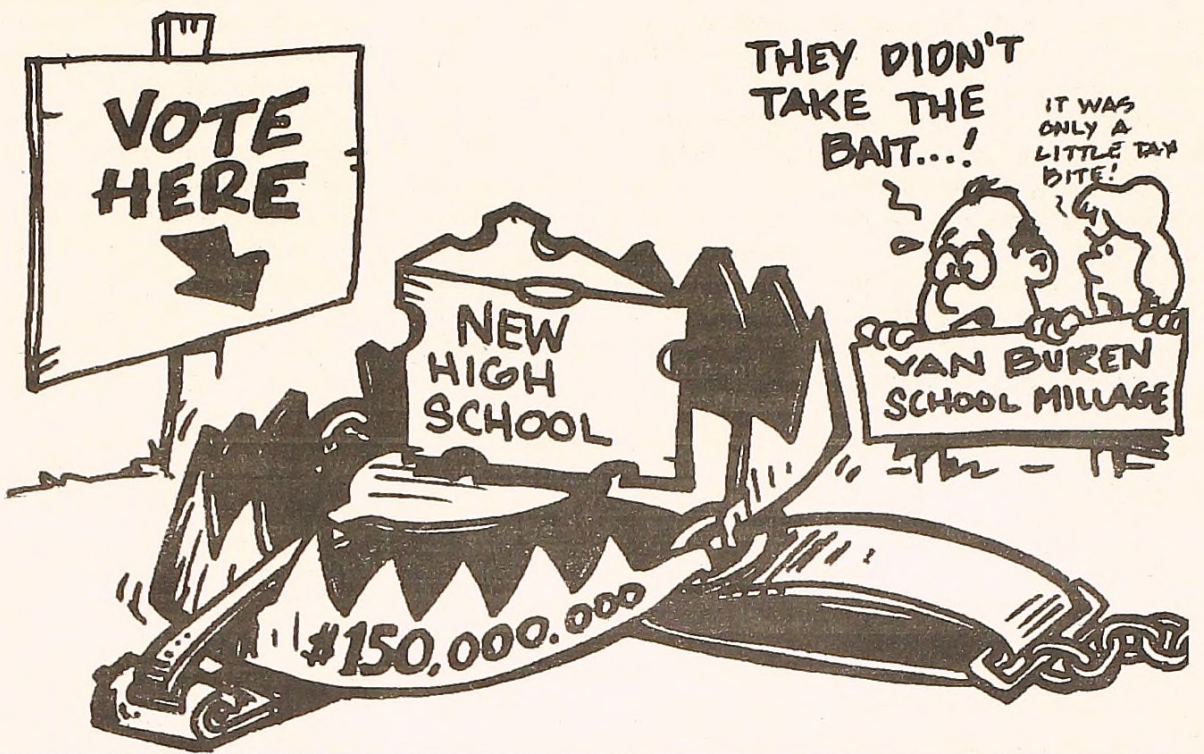
A 4.54 mill increase is, in this economic period, a difficult pill for some residents to swallow. The increase would have cost a person with a home with a market value of \$225,000 \$511 annually, which amounts to about \$42.60 every month. That’s a significant expense.

As of now, district officials aren’t sure how they will change the proposal, only that they will go back to voters. They know they have to wait 90 days before they approach them again, and change the proposal by at least 20 percent – that refers to the language on the ballot, not the amount of funding they are looking for.

The district clearly has needs. Anyone who worked on the facilities improvement committee can tell you that, as can the school officials and those who work at the schools themselves. That committee has already performed a large amount of work to identify those needs.

Perhaps now, the answer to getting them accomplished is breaking them down. The \$150 bond issue was proposed to be issued in three

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Back to the future, again

I spent the bulk of my childhood in what is now the heart of Canton Township.

We moved to Canton in 1976, in the heart of the largest population boom in the township, into what was then a new subdivision off Lilley Road, just south of Ford Road. My parents still live in the house today.

Needless to say, the township has changed a lot since then. The large field in which I used to hunt for snakes is long gone, developed into a strip mall, the chorus of spring peepers a long distant memory. Homes have replaced the woods I used to traipse through and the creeks I used to hunt for frogs and turtles in have been reduced to mere trickles of dank water.

Now, I know these are just signs of progress. Empty land can’t stay empty forever, people have the right to develop it in the way they see fit, as long as they meet ordinance requirements. The township has grown up into a busy, thriving community.

I bring this up because of the recent movement – or at least the recently increased attention – to make the Ford Road corridor more pedestrian friendly.

When I first heard of it, I had to shake my head. Good luck, I

thought. Township officials would have a big enough challenge making that road driver-friendly, let alone pedestrian-friendly. I remember back when I and my brothers were kids, we would ride our bikes along Ford Road to Meijer’s, but I have a suspicion that even in those relatively light traffic days, those trips

“I remember back when I and my brothers were kids, we would ride our bikes along Ford Road to Meijer’s...those trips added years of worry to my mom’s life.”

added years of worry to my mom’s life.

Pedestrian friendly? I doubted it.

Last weekend, though, I learned there was hope.

I visited my parents at their home near Ford and Lilley roads. My dad was working in the yard, as usual, and my nephew told me that his mom, along with my mom and his little sister, not yet 2, had gone to the store.

Impossible. All the cars were in the garage or parked across the street. He must have meant that they were going to go to the store. You couldn’t just walk to the store in Canton, could you?

A quick check around the house proved that they weren’t there, however.

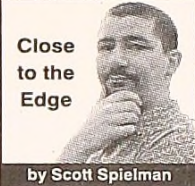
And sure enough, a couple of hours later they came back, my mom pushing a stroller with a carry-out pop in her hand. They had visited the newest development along the Ford Road Corridor, where several retailers like a Pier One and Michael’s had replaced a long vacant home improvement store.

“You walked there?” I asked, incredulous.

“Why not?” was the response.

“It’s a nice day.”

It will be a challenge to make the main strip in Canton more pedestrian friendly. It’s too long; with too many buildings set well back from too many large parking lots. But that’s not anybody’s fault, of course. Even so, the desire to make the road more pedestrian friendly is a laudable goal. With luck, it will catch on, and more people will take to the sidewalks, not the streets.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Letters

Former Wayne resident sought

To the editor:
Can you help me?
I am searching for Cynthia Cooley, who was living in Wayne, Michigan in 1972. Her father was called Johnny H. Simpson and her children are Ralph Scott and Rebecca Cooley.
I would be so grateful for any help.

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Superintendent thanks voters

To the editor:
As the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I write to express my gratitude to all of our community members who voted in the Sept. 28 election. The turnout was rewarding and I believe the results sent a clear message about how our community members feel about their school district.
The passage of both the 18 mill Non-Homestead Renewal and the \$109 million bond issue were wonderful accomplishments. They signaled the begin-

ning of a new era and a new partnership between the school district and our parents and community members. This partnership will move us forward in our effort to continue to improve the educational opportunities for our students and protect the investments our taxpayers have made in our school buildings. It will also allow us to add needed space and create a neighborhood school in southwest Canton.
Because of you, the future of our school district grows brighter and stronger. We promise to continue to work hard to provide a

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Talk to your doctor

From time to time, we can get down and just not feel like ourselves. It happens to all of us. You don't live on the mountain all your life, you have to come down in the valley. For most, it's a temporary thing and we "play over it." But for others, it's not that simple. For them, feelings of hopelessness can last much longer and have a big effect on their lives. Experts can't quite put their finger on it, but they think depression is caused by things like our genes, chemical imbalances in our brain, stressful

events in our life, or a combination of these.

If you're feeling blue and it just doesn't seem to be getting better, talk to your doctor and ask if you might be experiencing depression. If you are, your doctor can work with you and give you the help you need, so you can start feeling like yourself again.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years

behind a major league microphone.

Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Luhi," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

From the publisher

Last week, the Michigan Press Association announced the results of the annual Better Newspaper Contest and our publications were honored with two awards.

Editor Scott Spielman was awarded a third place for his editorial regarding the religious statues on display during the Christmas holiday in downtown Plymouth.

His effort, done in the manner of Dr. Seuss, was a masterful piece of creative writing and, as the judges agreed, "a very effective and creative way of getting his point across".

Second place honors went to our coverage of the vicious killings at a Westland party store during a robbery attempt. The horror of this crime and inhumanity of the killers was brought home to readers without melodrama or emotion.

Obviously, I am exceptionally proud of these awards and the achievements, every week, of our staff. Their professional dedication and pride has helped move fledgling, brand new publications in Plymouth, Northville and Canton into the mainstream—and they work every week to restore the Westland, Wayne, Romulus, Inkster and Belleville publications to the award-winning prestige they once enjoyed.

My congratulations to our staff and to you, our readers. The axiom is proven every day: Communities get the newspapers they deserve. You are getting some of the very best in the business every week.

Susan Willett,
Publisher

Letters

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strong education, manage our funding well, and plan for the future. Thank you again for your support and the strong message you sent in the Sept. 28 election. I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan,
Superintendent

Article prompts thinking

To the editor,

I read with interest the article concerning the teacher, Dee Krause, who on a Fulbright Scholarship along with other teachers, traveled to Vietnam to observe culture, country, education, etc.

I was particularly interested in the little town they visited. It took a boat trip down the Mekong River, a day's walk to reach the very rural, extremely poor area.

What she found there was something of a gold mine, as each child prepared a solution to a problem their area is facing that when put into practice would and does improve their standard of living. The fabulous graphs and information was presented so professionally; their graphs were written on the backs of old calendars and cardboard, some with charcoal. (When I think of how we use paper and the huge waste in comparison, it almost reminds me of a forest fire).

Some of the things they suggested: growing fish in the rice paddies and collecting the methane gas produced by animal waste to sell as a fuel (how would you make a graph of that?)

It makes you wonder if the third world countries and nations would be creative and develop the resources they have, if their standard of living would be raised to what we consider 'the necessities' of food, clothing, housing and health care.

Dee Krause said she would like to go back in the future because her expertise as a teacher would be most helpful to them.

I salute you for wanting to make a difference in their lives.

Carolyn Wolf,
Northville

Residents thank city

To the editor,

Thank you to the City of Wayne for tearing down the old Nankin Hospital!

Residents of Sophia Street,
Wayne

Bond

FROM PAGE 5

series; the answer may be to break it down into three separate bond proposals, which would allow residents to take smaller bites out of the larger cost of improving their schools, and their community.

The downside to that, of course, is that bond rates will most likely increase during the time between the requests, so that

the improvements may become more expensive in the long run.

Even so, that prospect should be given some consideration. There are too many questions right now, starting with where the district can find land for a proposed new high school, to approach the voters any time soon with a slightly different request for the same amount of money.

Besides, the last thing voters would want is to have the same issue thrown back at them, after they've turned it down.

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Vocational schools offering educational options

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Mark Valentin is learning a difficult new language.

Oracle, a complex database program with a computer language onto itself, is used by most large companies as a method to track important data. Teaching students like Valentin – who holds a 3.5 grade point average – how to use the program is part of the new face of vocational studies.

Career and technical education schools, what some remember as “trade” schools, have always been a part of many school districts. The schools, while often stigmatized as a place for students who aren’t suited for college, have turned out skilled trades people that help keep the state economic engine up and running.

Though the loss of about 160,000 manufacturing jobs in Michigan has made headlines for several years, representatives from career programs say they have adapted to meet the needs of an evolving labor landscape, turning out highly-trained workers who can be slotted into some very good jobs.

Rick Hamrick, the assistant principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland said he’s concerned about the loss of manufacturing jobs, but said the level of training students receive at the center prepares them for employment as soon as they graduate.

“We have high-tech equipment in this building that is the same as the equipment used in industry, and our kids in some cases know more some people who have worked for many years,” he said. “And most of these kids are 17 or 18 years old. Some hairdressers are making \$100,000 a year, so that’s a pretty good job.”

What that means is that a student who declines to make an investment in a 4-year college degree or post secondary programs can earn a living wage at a time when other young adults are working in the low-paying service sector. And some of the jobs out-earn entry-level white collar positions filled by college graduates, Hamrick said.

“Some of our students are employed at businesses and are earning \$12 an hour – that’s not bad for someone just starting

out,” Hamrick said.

Expanding career training might also help stem off the number of young people leaving Michigan for greener employment pastures. According to U.S. Census data, about 30,000 people under the age of 30 left Michigan between 2000 and 2002, which has the potential to further erode the economic outlook.

“The unskilled jobs are disappearing, but the types of skilled trades – using new technology – are not leaving,” said Hamrick. “There’s going to be a need for people with these skills in the future.”

The Ford center offers several technology-based, 2-year-programs for high school students and adults, including auto-body repair, heating and cooling, computer-aided design and manufacturing, welding, printing technology, Microsoft and Oracle certification, construction, electronics, film editing and desktop publishing.

Other traditional programs such as cosmetology and health occupations are also offered, Hamrick said.

Though some students, like Valentin, will likely move on to a post-secondary school, others are likely to spend the rest of their working lives in their field of study. But that doesn’t mean they might not have to retrain at some point in their work life, Hamrick said.

“There are going to be some changes in technology in the future, and many people will have to update their skills. The people with the most up-to-date skills are the ones that are going to keep working.”

For schools, keeping up with the changes can be a daunting – and expensive – task. Wayne-Westland School District voters approved a \$15 million bond to pay for cutting-edge equipment at the Ford center. And the structure of school funding put into place by proposal A – which provides a foundation grant for each student in a district – makes it impossible for some cash-poor districts to offer any sort of vocational training because they can’t afford to lose the grant funding to another school.

Even so, Hamrick said enrollment levels versus resources have made it impossible for the Ford center to take new students.

“Ecorse wanted to bus students here, but we just couldn’t

accommodate them,” Hamrick said. “They were willing to bus kids all the way out here. Plymouth-Canton at one point also wanted to partner with us to supplement their (vocational) programs, but we just couldn’t do it.”

Other districts have formed consortiums. Crestwood Community Schools, Westwood Intermediate School District and Dearborn Seven formed a partnership that allows students at any of the three schools to travel between the buildings for classes.

The expansion of career and technical opportunities can happen if the state gets involved, Hamrick said.

“From my perspective, (the state) is supporting a two systems,” he said. “There is a movement afoot to have these programs only at the post secondary levels. Right now, they’re providing funding for both.”

But David Littman, the chief economist at Comerica Bank and a former member of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education, said the overall economy could benefit if the schools stick to the basics. He also said trade schools need an environment that includes competition.

“It would be beneficial to the economy if students could get an educated workforce at the high school level, but the government should stay out of it,” he said. “We



Mark Valentin, 17, works at a high-powered computer to create a new database with the Oracle software now preferred by business.

train everyone with the skills they need to get a job, and the fundamental subjects are impor-

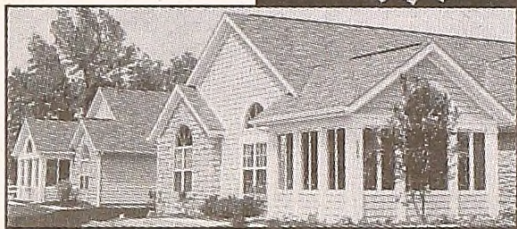
tant to us,” he said. “We make sure students get both. We take the academics very seriously.”

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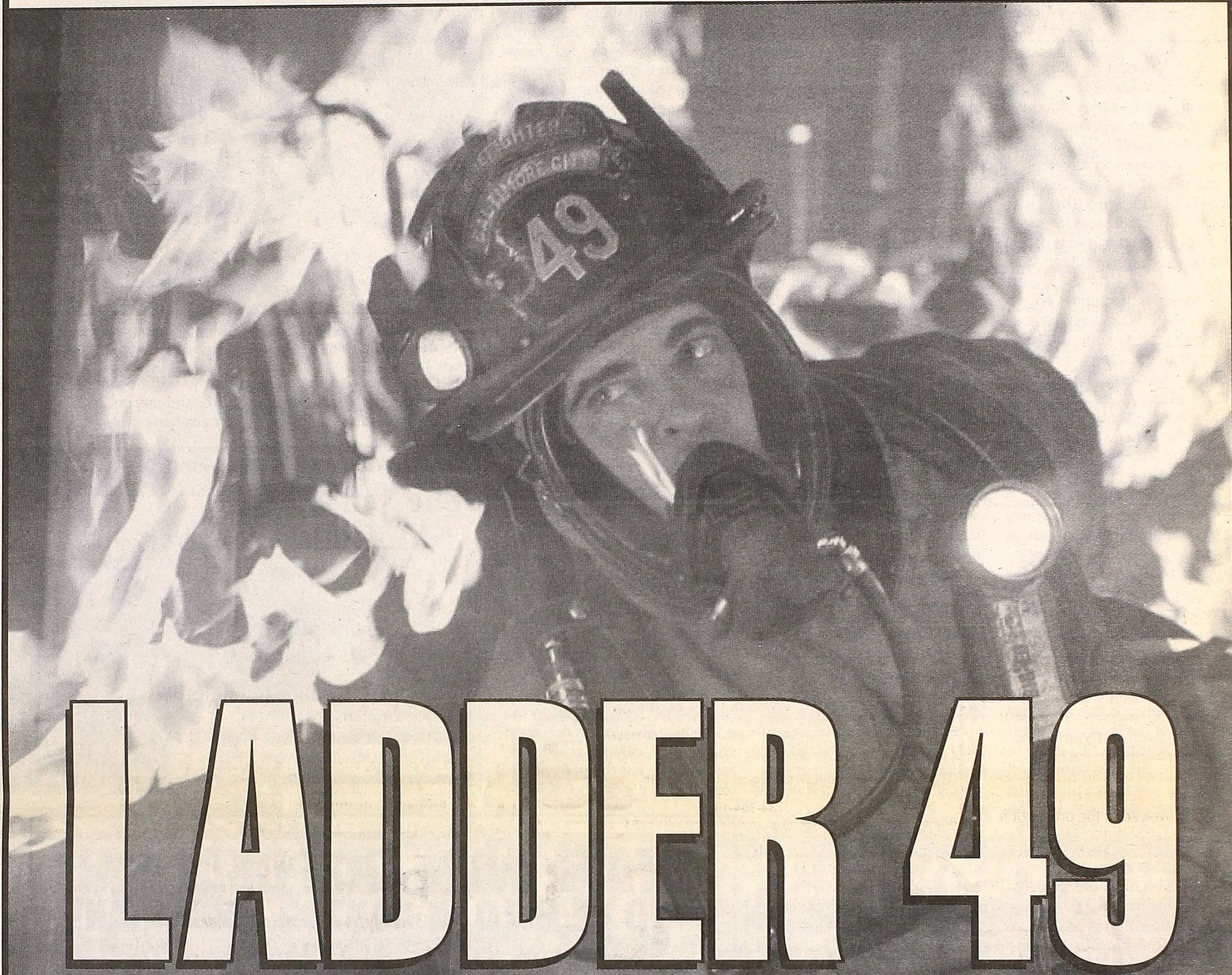
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THE SCENE



LADDER 49

Film takes viewers on a dangerous, emotional ride

What does it take to be the man that runs headlong into a burning building when everyone else is trying to get out?

Ladder 49 explores the extraordinary heroes that emerge from ordinary lives to selflessly step in harms way to rescue people in a time of need.

Set in Baltimore against the busy fire engine company *Ladder 49*, the film delves into the lives of typical firefighters in an ordinary firehouse sacrificing their safety while battling furious blazes. It does so by probing the life of devoted firefighter Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix).

The movie starts with the company responding to a four-alarm fire in a 12-story building. Jack, after helping a worker escape to safety, gets separated from the rest of his crew and is trapped in the towering inferno, alone.

The rest of the film flashes back through Jack's life as he desperately fights for survival while outside the fire chief, his mentor Mike Kennedy (John Travolta) battles to get his friend out alive and back home to his family.

As debris from the collapsing building falls around him and snarling flames surround him, Jack reflects moment by moment, year to year, on how he ended up in his current position.

Starting with his first day when he meets then-Captain Kennedy, he recalls his initiation into the close-knit, courage-filled brotherhood of firefighters known just as much for pulling crazy pranks on rookies as they are for lunging headfirst into fiery danger. The flashbacks continue from the time he encounters Linda (Jacinda Barrett), who

will become the love of his life and the birth of his children; to the distressing shifts that keep him from home and his family and the bold rescues that keep him coming back to the firehouse for more.

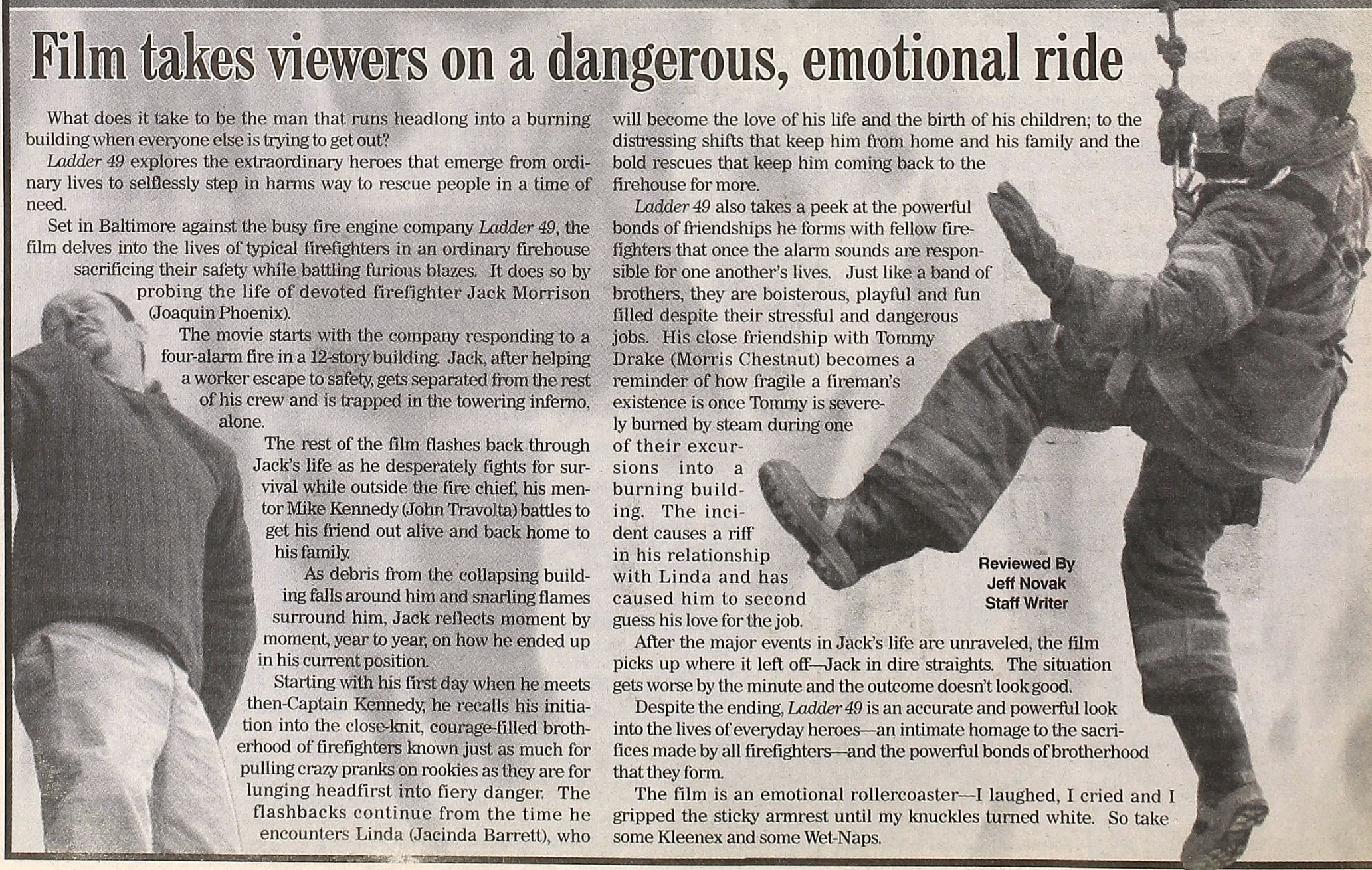
Ladder 49 also takes a peek at the powerful bonds of friendships he forms with fellow firefighters that once the alarm sounds are responsible for one another's lives. Just like a band of brothers, they are boisterous, playful and fun filled despite their stressful and dangerous jobs. His close friendship with Tommy Drake (Morris Chestnut) becomes a reminder of how fragile a fireman's existence is once Tommy is severely burned by steam during one of their excursions into a burning building. The incident causes a rift in his relationship with Linda and has caused him to second guess his love for the job.

After the major events in Jack's life are unraveled, the film picks up where it left off—Jack in dire straights. The situation gets worse by the minute and the outcome doesn't look good.

Despite the ending, *Ladder 49* is an accurate and powerful look into the lives of everyday heroes—an intimate homage to the sacrifices made by all firefighters—and the powerful bonds of brotherhood that they form.

The film is an emotional rollercoaster—I laughed, I cried and I gripped the sticky armrest until my knuckles turned white. So take some Kleenex and some Wet-Naps.

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



THE SCENE

Life imitates art Local woman appears in 'Millie'

John Counts
Staff Writer

Canton Township native Laura Dysarczak knows all about life imitating art.

She is presently a cast member of the Tony Award-winning Broadway play *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, which tells the story of a girl from the Midwest who moves to New York City with a dream.

When Dysarczak graduated from Canton High School in 1996, she, like Millie, headed to the Big Apple, where she had the opportunity to study at New York University prestigious Tisch School of the Arts.

Now, she is hitting the road with the touring production of the musical that won six Tony awards when it debuted on Broadway in 2002. It will play in Detroit at the Fischer Theater Oct. 12-31.

Dysarczak said she is happy to be coming back to Canton.

"I get homesick. It'll be nice to be back," she said.

While New York City is still technically home, Dysarczak said she finds herself on the road a lot of the time. She said it occasionally gets rough, but that all the people involved in the production help ease any road weariness.

"These people become your family," she said.

But, she said, she enjoys any chance she gets to spend time with her real family. The singer, dancer and actress said both of her parents were interested in the arts. It's what got her started in

Feet, at the Summit on the Park.

Now, she takes skills honed in Canton to the big stage. She has appeared in *Pippin* and the national touring production of *Beauty and the Beast*, where she was a singing plate.

When Dysarczak comes to the

*There was never any doubt that
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Laura Dysarczak

dancing and music, she said.

"There was never any doubt that I would do anything else," she said.

She was involved in local dance groups until she got to high school, where she performed in a variety of productions. She also taught a dance program, Dancing

area, she said she will be staying at her parents in Canton, just as she did when *Beauty and the Beast* came through Detroit. She said, as usual, her mother is going to make a big deal about the show.

"She will probably have a lot of people there," she said. "I'm really looking forward to it."



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THE SCENE

Oooooooh that's spookie Area prepares for annual Halloween events

Belleville

Magician will trick and treat

Halloween Magic Show: The Fred C. Fisher Library will host a magical afternoon with Jason Hudy starting at 2 p.m. on Oct. 23. Hudy will be 'tricking' and 'treating' the audience during his fun for all-ages magic show. No registration necessary. For more information call the library at (734) 699-3291.

Merchants to provide treats

Halloween Treats: The Belleville Central Business Community will sponsor the downtown Halloween treats night from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville. Merchants will pass out treats for area children, along with cider and donuts for the adults.

Canton

Family Fright Night Fiesta set

Do the mash—the monster mash, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom. The First Annual Halloween Dance will feature music, light refreshments, door prizes and a costume contest. Tickets will not be sold at this event and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets must be purchased beforehand through the leisure services office and are priced at \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. Children 3 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Pumpkins on the Pond planned

Carve a spooky jack-o-lantern and bring in out to Heritage Park from 6-9 on Friday, Oct. 15. The pumpkins will be lined up around the pond and lit up in the dark. The event is free of charge. Pumpkin drop-off begins at 5 p.m. There will be music and refreshments as well. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Octoberfest is offered

For those who want to keep their little ghouls and goblins safe this Halloween, Octoberfest offers a trick or treat alternative. From noon-4 on Saturday, Oct. 16 children will be treated not only to candy, but to Barnyard John as well as a variety of games, contests and refreshments. This event is free. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Inkster

Halloween party planned

All ghosts and goblins 12 years old and under are invited to attend the 31st annual Halloween party on Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. All elements of door-to-door trick or treating will be available in the form of games, prizes, a costume contest, refreshments

and of course, candy. The party will continue from 6-8 p.m. The recreation complex is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road. For more information, call (734) 728-7530.

Northville

Pets on Parade is planned

The Howl-O-Ween Pet Festival and Parade is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Costumed pets and their owners will have the opportunity to participate in games, contests, and more at Ford Field in downtown Northville. The pet parade will begin at 5 p.m. Ford Field is located just north of Main Street and to the east of Sheldon Road / Center Street. The event is being organized by the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation.

Pumpkin Walk set at village

The 2004 Pumpkin Walk will be at the Historic Mill Race Village in downtown Northville. The Mill will once again open to provide young children with a safe and non-scary chance to trick-or-treat, create craft projects, and play games. The event will take place between 6-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Mill Race Village is located north of Main Street on Griswold Street, east of Sheldon Road/Center Street. Tickets are available through the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation.

Corn Maze helps Maybury

The Pumpkin Patch at Maybury Farm is open for early pumpkin shoppers! Tractor rides to the Patch are available for a \$2 donation per adult, \$1 per child (4 to 11) under 4 free and \$3 per pumpkin. The Corn Maze, is still going strong and is open on Fridays, 5-9 p.m., as well as Saturdays and Sundays from 2-9 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per child and \$8 per adult. All of the proceeds from these two events will go toward rebuilding Maybury Farm. For additional information please call (248) 374-0200.

Plymouth

Costume contest planned

The Great Pumpkin Caper costume contest will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Band Shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. To register pick up a ticket number at the Band Shell between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and winners will be announced at 7 p.m. For more information about this contest contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouth-mi.org.

Candy giveaway downtown

There will be Trick or Treating from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday Oct. 29 at downtown

Plymouth merchants. There will be members of the Plymouth Rotary Club serving as crossing guards to help keep children safe. Children can dress up. For more information about the event contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit

Wagon rides are available

Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers wagon rides on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$1 per child and free for children 0-3 years. Weekend rides are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are \$3 per child. The orchard is located at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth. For more information about the orchard call (734) 455-2290.

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Estate of the Damned is a haunted house located at 13001 Eckles Road in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-8404.

Wayne

Haunted Theater offers thrills

The Wayne Theater Corp. members are presenting a haunted theater at the Historic Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue every weekend. The hours of operation are from 7-11 p.m. on

Sundays and 7-midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. All proceeds go toward the restoration of the historic theater.

Westland

Get Spooky Halloween show set

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department will host 'Get Spooky,' a Halloween magic and science show at the Bailey Recreation Center. The \$5 event takes place from 6:15-7:30 p.m. (for children 10 and under) on Oct. 22 and from 7:45-9 p.m. (for children 7 and older) on Oct. 22. For more information call (734) 722-7620.

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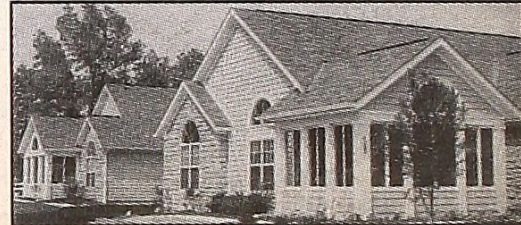
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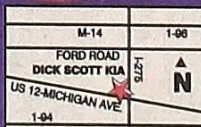
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THE SCENE

The Music Lady

Local woman teaches children with songs

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Beverly Meyer of Belleville has found her niche.

She spends her time traveling to Michigan schools, libraries and stages, singing songs about the wonders of life while strumming her guitar and dancing to the music.

She leads a 'storytellers' life, where everything is magical—like losing your first tooth—where no lunch is complete without a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and where her friends include 'The Muffin Man' and 'Old McDonald.'

But she doesn't receive her highest reviews from bigwig music producers. Her accolades come from children along with their parents and teachers.

Meyer—better known as The Music

Lady—has been entertaining crowds with her traditional favorites and new songs since 1996.

She said she gives all the credit to the children who not only gave her the stage name, but also her career.

"Before becoming The Music Lady, I taught pre-school during the day, and sang in nightclubs at night," she said. "When I was teaching, I would bring my guitar into the classroom and I soon found out that the kids really enjoyed it, so I did some more research on it and found that music is a huge teaching tool. That's when I made the decision to give it a try as a career."

That give-it-a-try motto soon grew to more than 25 school visits a year, more than 35 library visits a year, teacher training workshops and numerous family concerts. She also has four CDs and is working on her newest adventure—transition tune-up songbooks.

Meyer's ideas for her songs follow child-like themes. She said that her best source of ideas is the children, themselves.

"Kids approach me all the time with new ideas," Meyer said. "They have the best stories and each child tells them in their own certain way. My songs are a combination of their stories with my own additions."

Meyer said that they are also her toughest critics.

"Kids know right away if they like something," she said. "Every song that I

do I test before I put it on the market. I try out new songs in a performance, then I fine-tune them as I go because I have an instant audience that will let me know."

Recently, Meyer won an award from the John Lennon Songwriting contest. She took home an honorable mention for *My Loose Tooth* which is featured on her second album, *Movin' and Groovin' with The Music Lady*.

The year before, she received an honorable mention for two of her songs—*To Yourself Be True* and *Watch the Clouds Go By*.

"An honorable mention was more than what I expected, so if the John Lennon music organization thinks I'm good, than I'm going in the right direction," she said.

The prizes for the contest are big, but not as rewarding as performing for children, she said.

"Lots of people get lots and lots of enjoyment out of what I do," said Meyer. "I've heard that kids will wear out their tapes and CDs because they listen to them so much. That is a huge compliment for me. I also have parents and teachers who have told me that they will listen to the CDs even when the kids aren't around, which is an even bigger compliment."

Meyer is moving to Brownstown, and she said that's when she will get back into the recording studio. She already has enough material for two more CDs, she said.

"I have a song about squirrels and the way they move, and I also have a song



Beverly Meyer is 'The Music Lady' who visits schools to entertain and teach children throughout the area.

about the metamorphosis blues where kids act out being a caterpillar and turning into a butterfly," Meyer said.

In the future, Meyer said that she will try to do more. More concerts, more weekly programs and continue to stride and add on projects as she goes, she said.

Meyer will also begin work on another music teaching tool for pre-school teachers with Mary Joe Keller, a teacher from Schoolcraft College, which will show how music enhances brain development.

Upcoming performances include the Dexter District Library at 11 a.m. on Oct. 9; the Flat Rock Parks and Recreation at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 23; the River Rouge Library at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30 and the Northville Library at 4:15 p.m. on Nov. 16.



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'You have the power'

Billboards urge motorists to get out and vote Nov. 2

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Drivers speeding down I-94 near Belleville have a new reminder—You have the power. Vote Nov. 2.

The Ann Arbor Committee for Peace (AAACP) erected the two billboards Saturday that will remain during October leading up to the presidential election. One billboard which states: "You have the power. Vote November 2" is posted on I-94 and Belleville Road. A second billboard with the slogan "War is

not working. Neither are millions of Americans" is posted on U.S. 23 near Whitmore Lake.

The billboards are part of the year-long effort to motivate people to vote. They are also part of an ongoing AAACP campaign to bring about a change in national priorities from war to human and environmental needs at home and abroad, according to Phillis Engelbert, AAACP coordinator.

"We wanted to get the broadest possible audience. With the Belleville Road billboard we can catch a lot of different people,"

she said.

According to Engelbert, numerous supporters and people submitted ideas for the slogans. The organization chose the winning billboards from more than 50 area resident submissions. The winners were Bill Taylor from Dexter who created the 'vote' billboard in Belleville and Irene May of Ann Arbor who created the 'war' billboard.

Through fundraisers, the AAACP generated \$9,500 for the billboards to be posted.

"Many of the residents in the billboard picture are from

Wayne County," said Engelbert. "It fits in well with the overall community voting program for the summer."

Although based in Ann Arbor, the organization promotes voting rights for the entire state, said Engelbert.

"We want to get the vote effort out to all the community people," she said.

They have also been organizing the elective year campaign "Jobs Not War in 2004."

"The AAACP committee continues to promote peaceful alternatives to expanding the "war on

terrorism" and to advance a vision of a peaceful, prosperous, positive future," said Engelbert. "Now through November we will be working on our grassroots movement 'Jobs, Not War in 2004,' which connects the dots between militarism and economic injustice. It will inspire the voter to make informed choices."

The AAACP was formed shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to promote peaceful solutions to international conflicts and to protect civil rights and civil liberties.

Longest serving Wayne County Commissioner faces challenger

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The race to represent District 12 (Westland, Inkster and part of Livonia) on the Wayne County Commission will be decided in a few short weeks when voters will choose between long-serving Democrat Kay Beard and Bonnie Patrick, an Inkster Republican who is challenging her for the seat.

Beard, 83, the longest-serving member of commission with 24 years of service, is seeking her 13th term. Commissioners serve 2-year terms. Patrick, 55, is running for the seat after an unsuccessful attempt to unseat State Sen. Burton Leland (D-Detroit) two years ago.

Patrick said she's seeking office because she feels the district — most notably Inkster — is not getting a fair share of resources in comparison to surrounding areas.

"This is a great local seat because it is still in-county, where I live," she said. "I see so much in the county that needs to get done, but we don't seem to be getting back what we pay in county taxes. The roads are a mess, and water bills are outrageous."

She said the problem is particularly noticeable in Inkster.

"I look around (other communities) and I see a lot of development and progress that I don't

see here," she said. "There have been a few projects, but we're lagging behind other areas — our (county) roads, with few exceptions, are not getting fixed at the rate of other communities at the county level."

Saving money for the county is also a priority, Patrick said.

"I think we need to create more partnerships with other counties. Jail service might be one thing that can be combined," she said. "If Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties could get together on this, it would save all three counties money."

Beard said she is proud of her record in Inkster and the rest of District 12.

"I'm going to see that we provide the same services people have become accustomed to and enjoy," she said. "But we still have a problem with crime — particularly in the Detroit area, but it spreads to the rest of the area — and I think we need to have some regional solutions for that. We're hoping some of the programs in place will help reduce (the crime)."

Beard said Inkster has been the recipient of advocacy at the county level, which is helping it turn the corner in terms of development.

"Getting Inkster Valley Golf Course in place was a big achievement," she said. "In the coming weeks, I'm going to tour

Inkster with the new county economic development director to show him some things I'd like to see changed and to make sure all of the new homes going up are good, affordable homes. We're going to find out what kind of new opportunities are out there for development in conjunction with the golf course."

Beard cities fighting for the commission to have its own legal counsel as a major achievement because it gave elected commissioners — and residents — a louder voice in county affairs.

"It's the kind of thing most people don't know too much about, but having our own counsel — as opposed to using the county's corporation counsel — was a good move. The people put that into place when they voted. We're a separate governmental body, and every time we had a disagreement with the county executive (Ed McNamara), the counsel would always take their side."

Patrick became involved in Republican Party politics in 1994. Currently, she's employed as an independent cosmetics distributor and has held jobs in retail management and banking. She graduated from Dearborn High School in 1975 and lived in Inkster with husband, Robert, for 36 years.

Beard was elected to the Wayne County

Commission in April 1978. For five of her terms, she served as the vice-chair of the commission. She has served on several committees, including the commission subcommittee on veteran's affairs, technology committee, audit committee, special committee on woman in business and committee on public safety and homeland security.

In 2000, she was awarded the Eleanor Roosevelt award for her



Commissioner
Kay Beard



Challenger
Bonnie Patrick

efforts in local government by the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus. Beard is the current president of the Michigan Democratic County Officials (MiDCO).

Beard defeated longtime Inkster City Councilwoman Wanda Harris-Foster during the August primary to win the democratic spot on the ticket by a nearly 2-1 margin. The general election is Nov. 2.

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SPORTS

Canton ground attack topples Plymouth, 74-14

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

What makes a football team score 74 points in a single game?

Maybe there is no reason. Maybe the Canton Chiefs' reason is that they are just that good – unstoppable, in fact.

The Chiefs scored 11 touchdowns in their 74-14 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth.

"I just let the kids play," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "I wanted to play my ones in the first half. They worked hard to prepare and they deserved to play more than just a quarter."

Canton powered to a 55-0 halftime score before Baechler inserted his backups in the second half, where they scored 19 points and gave up 14.

The offense racked up 469 yards of offense. Canton's signature smash-mouth ground assault attributed 458

yards, balanced by 11 yards through the air.

Balanced?

Who needs balance when tanks and hummers can rule the gridiron without the help of air support?

Senior fullback Chuck Schumacher trampled Plymouth for 205 yards on nine carries and four touchdowns. Junior halfback Billie Jones carried the ball eight times for 147 yards and two scores, while sophomore halfback Deshon McClendon rushed for 99 yards on six attempts. Junior quarterback Shawn Little was a perfect 2-for-2 for 11 yards in the air. He also rushed for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Other contributors to the assault were junior halfback Andy Rossow and senior halfbacks Julian Smith and Jeff Hudson. They each scored a touchdown.

Plymouth turned the ball over eight times in the game, seven times in the first half, according to Baechler.

"They kept turning it over and we just kept taking advantage of it," he said.

On defense, Schumacher recovered two fumbles at starting linebacker and senior defensive back Scott Steffes recorded one interception.

"I'm happy with our players," Baechler said. "They capitalized on opportunities. I'm pleased with the backups in the second half. They continued to move the ball and score."

Next up, the undefeated Chiefs will take on the wide-open offense of the Walled Lake Western Warriors tomorrow night at home for the division title.

Although Baechler didn't admit to it, this could possibly be the best chance Canton has had to win a state championship.

"I've never won a state championship before," he said. "Unless you're (Catholic Central) and you're in the finals every year you don't know. I do know that you do need some breaks along the way. I hate to be cliché but you have to play it one game at a time. We're working hard to do it."



Romulus basketball coach Rhonda Henry (left) and assistant coach Candace Sinley (far right) hope that the leadership of their seniors (from left) Paris Hawkins, Janiece Armstrong, Ashley Sibby and Candace Lawrence will lead the team to a championship this year. They defeated Woodhaven 62-26 last Thursday. They head to Edsel Ford tonight.

Eagles soar past Woodhaven

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It wasn't much of a contest when the Romulus Lady Eagles met up with Woodhaven on the hardwood last Thursday. The game was over before it really started.

The girls were anxious as they waited for the junior varsity game to finish up its overtime period. This was only their second game in two weeks and it showed that they were ready to hit the floor.

They did – running. And they didn't stop until they buried Woodhaven 62-26.

Romulus took off with a 23-point scoring spree in the first quarter of play – three points shy of Woodhaven's total score. And that was with missing several easy shots from under the basket and off of breakaways. Defensively they limited Woodhaven to 4, 10, 3 and 9 points in each quarter respectively. After their first-quarter barrage the Eagles scored 15, 18 and 6 in each of their last three frames of play.

Senior point guard Paris

Hawkins and senior guard Janiece Armstrong led the team with 14 points each. Hawkins, a 5-foot-4 ball of energy, finished the night with nine assists and four steals while Armstrong, a three-point sharpshooter, ended up with six rebounds.

Senior forward Ashley Sibby knocked down 12 points and has taken over as a leading rebounder with eight. She also recorded four assists and three steals in the lopsided victory. After the team's backboard queen Alicia Harbor graduated in June, somebody had to step up, said Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry. Sibby has.

"Sibby has always been a good re-bouncer but she was always overshadowed by Harbor.

"She's a good slash player," she added. "She plays guard but will also defend against post players. She's moved into the role very nicely."

Sophomore Jasmine Charles, the team's only post player, has also contributed off of the boards and nabbed six rebounds in the win, Henry

said.

She has praised her deep bench all season and sophomore guard Erika Wasson has progressed by leaps and bounds. She scored eight points and made eight steals against Woodhaven, according to Henry.

"She has really gotten stronger," she said. "There's a big difference from her freshman year to this year."

Landria Buckley, a junior forward, added six points and three steals in the victory.

The Eagles were 2-0 in league play but will be put to the test with four road games in the next two weeks. They played a difficult Trenton team Tuesday and Edsel Ford tonight before heading to Ann Arbor Huron for a non-league game and Garden City next week.

Henry didn't express any concern about the road spree.

"The seniors are really focused," she said. "We're so used to playing on the road. We've had so many road games that even when we're home it feels like we're on the road."

Mustangs top Rocks 4-2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In 15 years the Northville Mustangs had never defeated the Salem Rocks in soccer. On Monday night history changed as the 'Stangs truded past the Rocks in a 4-2 victory.

"It was a huge win for us," said Northville Coach Henry Klimes. "In my 15 years here we never beat Salem. We had a few ties but we never beat them, so it was a big game for us."

Klimes said it was an aggressive game and the midfield refs stopped play too often and didn't let the game flow. The aggressiveness got the best of two of Northville's top players. Both midfielder Mike Kelleher and leading scorer James Hannah were given yellow cards, which left the Mustangs shorthanded.

It didn't stop them from scoring three shorthanded goals to win the game, though.

Forward Justin Lockwood scored first to put Northville on the board, 1-0. Salem knotted the score when Thiago Harris put the ball past senior goalie Steve Besk. It was a beautiful shot to the upper corner and Besk didn't really have a chance, Klimes said.

Hannah was then issued a yellow card for disagreeing with a referee's call, which put Northville in a short-handed situation. However, the ejection fired up the horses. Mike Cornelius, back from an injury, drove one in the back of the net to put the 'Stangs up 2-1 at the end of the half.

Cornelius added another goal in the second half to make it a 3-1 game.

Salem caught a break when the ball deflected off another player past Besk to bring them within one, 3-2. Manny Palazzolo was credited with the goal.

With 8:00 left, Chris Leonetti put the game out of reach, 4-2. Midfielder Enrique Acevedo assisted on the play.

"I'm pleased with the charac-

ter the kids showed," Klimes said. "It was tough playing without Hannah and Kelleher but it made the other kids play harder. It builds character and adds chemistry."

Mustangs 6, Wildcats 1

Northville kicked their way to a 6-1 victory against the Plymouth Wildcats last Wednesday.

The Mustangs clinched the division championship with the victory and a 10-0 league record.

Klimes said he didn't start all of his big guns, but that didn't stop his deep bench from scoring six goals. Sophomore midfielder Leonetti put Northville on the board first with an assist by junior defender Vinnie Ciampa. Midfielder Nick Kaldis added to that and made it a 2-0 game at the end of the first half.

The 'Stangs opened it up in the second to score four more goals, but not until after Plymouth's Andrew Koiet narrowed the gap to 2-1 at the beginning of the half.

The fired up Mustangs received goals from Acevedo, Alex Wood and Kaldis added his second of the game. Super scorer Hannah also added one to make it his 22 for the season, according to Klimes. He also notched two assists on the day.

The No. 1 ranked Mustangs will take on the No. 2 ranked Stevenson Spartans in the Western Lakes Activity Association (WLAA) conference championship game on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

When the team met last month, Northville came away with a 3-1 victory, but Klimes said it was much closer than the score indicated.

The district tournament starts Oct. 18 and the Mustangs and Spartans could possibly meet for the third time this year.

"It doesn't matter if you're ranked or not," Klimes said. "When you start district play everyone starts over, it's like two seasons in one. Everyone starts at 0-0. You have to be prepared."

Spitfires harpoon Whalers with late goal, win 2-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers felt the brunt of a busy week-end on the ice; they dropped two of the three games they played.

Most recently, a late goal by Windsor's Cal O'Reilly sent the Whalers packing Sunday night. O'Reilly's goal at 14:16 in the third period snapped a 1-1 tie and gave the Spitfires a 2-1 victory.

After two scoreless periods, Windsor's Tom Mannino broke the seal to put his team on the board first just 1:05 into the final period. Plymouth's Steve Ward was in the box, serving the rest of his time from a second-period holding penalty. Ryan Garlock and Jason Dixon took advantage of the time and got the puck to Mannino, who put it past Whaler's goalie Ryan Nie.

Eleven minutes later, James Neal scored his team-leading third goal of the season to knot the score at one goal apiece. The unassisted goal came off of a faceoff at 12:11.

The rest was up to Mannino as he put the winning goal in at 14:16 with assists by David Lomas and Brett Liscomb.

Windsor's net-minder, Kyle Knechtel, stopped 23 of 24 shots and was named the game's first star.

Nie was stellar, however. He held Windsor scoreless through two periods, including the second period, when

Windsor out-shot Plymouth, 13-2. In the end he stopped 37 of 39 shots. He has stopped 147 of 153 shots in the last four games to lead the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) with .961 save percentage.

Whalers 3, Storm 1

Nie also stopped 37 of 38 shots in the Whalers' 3-1 victory against the Guelph Storm at home on Saturday.

The performance earned Nie a 1.33 goals against average and a star of the game.

Plymouth started quick with a goal by Jonas Feidler to take the 1-0 lead. Dearborn's John Vigilante and Mike Knight recorded the assists. Erik Lundmark added to the lead with his unassisted goal at 10:57 in the period.

Knight snapped a shot past Guelph's Adam Dennis from the left wing to give the Whalers a 3-0 lead.

The Storm tried to get things going when Mark O'Leary scored his first goal of the season at the 4:54 mark of the third period. Mark Versteeg-Lytwyn earned the lone assist. It was too little, too late as Nie and company shut down the Storm the rest of the way.

Whalers 4, Knights 5

Plymouth suffered their first overtime loss of the season when London's Trevor Kell broke a 4-4 tie at 3:53 in overtime on Friday night to give the Knights a 5-4 victory.

The Whalers tied the game three different times but couldn't hold on for the win.

London's Corey Perry figured in on all five of the team's goals with two scores and three assists. Dave

Bolland, Bryan Rodney and Kell added the other goals for the Knights.

Plymouth received a pair of goals from Tim Sestito and Neal and Mike Letizia added the other two scores.

Perry opened the scoring with a power-play goal at 5:30 in the first period. With 27 seconds remaining in the opening period, Neal tied the game. Andrew Fournier was credited with the assist.

Perry scored again just 1:02 into the second period and London took the lead again, 2-1. Sestito knotted the score again for the Whalers at 10:46 in the second with help from Mike Martinelli and Ward.

Bolland, from Perry, put London back on top in the third period, 3-2. It only took the Knights 55 seconds to register the goal. Rodney gave London a two-goal lead at 7:06. But Plymouth scored two goals in a 43-second span. Sestito scored the first at 15:16 on a power-play to make it 4-3 and then Letizia knotted the game with his goal. The two goals forced an overtime period.

With just about a minute left in the extra period, Kell scored his goal to secure the win for London.

The game marked the OHL debut of Plymouth rookie goaltender Justin Garay. He stopped 30 of 35 shots in his first start.

The Whalers have another busy weekend when they head to Kitchener to face off against the Rangers tomorrow night. They then turn around to host the Rangers on Saturday along with Saginaw on Sunday.

Home, sweet homecoming

The John Glenn Rockets claimed the Lakes Division championship of the Western Lakes conference in a 44-34 shootout against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans Friday night in a homecoming spectacular. With former head coach Chuck Gordon and alumni watching on, the Rockets raced to a 30-6 lead but found themselves looking over their shoulder as the Spartans closed the gap to three points late in the game. Senior quarterback Vinnie DeLuca continued to fire strikes and led Glenn to a 44-34 victory. He finished 9-for-16 for 253 yards and three touchdowns. He also kicked a 24-yard field goal to put the team up 23-6 at the end of the first quarter. Wide receiver Nathan Beard caught five passes for 208 yards and three touchdowns. On defense Joe Smitherman blocked a punt that led to DeLuca's field goal. Rece Cox returned an interception 36 yards for a score. He also rushed for a touchdown in the first quarter. The Rockets will head to Livonia and face the Churchill Chargers tomorrow night.



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Mustangs dodge bullet in 42-25 homecoming shoot out

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Two of the Western Lakes Activity Association's most prolific wide-open offenses met last week on the gridiron.

Northville and Walled Lake Western combined for more than 350 yards in the air and 10 touchdowns but it was the 'Stangs that rumbled and tumbled to the 42-25 homecoming victory.

Despite Northville's 21-7 halftime lead, Western closed the gap in the fourth quarter to make it a 21-19 game. The Mustangs extended their lead again to 35-19 but another Western score made it 35-25. The Warriors attempted an onside kick but Northville's Joe Prain picked up the pigskin and ran it 43 yards for a score to put the game away 42-25.

Northville Quarterback Charlie

Thomas led the scoring in the first half. He ran in all three of the 'Stangs touchdowns, one in the first quarter and two in the second to give them a 21-0 lead.

Western scored a big touchdown in the final minutes of the half to cut into the lead, 21-7.

The third quarter remained scoreless, but the Warriors started the fourth with two scores to pull within three points, 21-19. Northville got things going with two unanswered scores.

Cody Sivic punched in a score from one yard out to make it 28-19 and Glenn Tuckys scored the next one from a yard out to extend the lead further, 35-19.

Western made it into the end zone again to make it a 10-point game, 35-25. Then, Prain made the heads up play to pick up the onside kick and return for the final score.

Although both teams are known for their wide-open offenses, it was the Mustangs' ground game that secured the victory. Through team effort Northville rushed for more than 220 yards. Thomas finished the night 15-for-19 for 173 yards in the air, but he gained 118 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns on the ground. Sivic gained 39 yards on nine attempts and a TD. Matt Stilec, who's still recovering from a strained hamstring, rushed for 47 yards on six tries, according to Northville Coach Clint Alexander.

Although the offense was impressive Alexander said he was pleased with the defensive and special teams effort.

"We held Western to (less than) 100 yards rushing and we had a couple turnovers," he said. "Special teams played well for us; kickoff coverage was great for us."

"We start every practice with special teams," he added. "We try to sell the kids on how important it is."

On the defensive side of the ball, David Bandy racked up 6 tackles and plucked two interceptions with a 19-yard return attached to one of them. Prain also made six tackles and recorded a sack, in addition to his onside kick recovery and return that put the game away.

The game was a huge victory, not because it was homecoming but because it put the 'Stangs at 5-1 and in second place in their division.

Northville heads to a struggling Wayne Memorial tomorrow night and, if all goes as planned, they will host Stevenson the following week in a crossover playoff game. Their last game of the regular season will be against neighboring rivals Novi on Oct. 22.

Northville basketball tops Stevenson, falls to Northern

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville split their week on the hardwood against Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Stevenson last week.

The Mustangs started off the week with a tough, 36-42, overtime loss to Northern on Tuesday.

They started out strong in the first quarter. They kept it close and trailed by one, 10-11, but they outscored Northern 11-5 in the second frame to take a 21-16 lead. That didn't stop Walled Lake, though. They came back in the

third and outscored Northville 13-6, which resulted in a lead change, 29-27.

Northville battled back in the final round to knot the score at 35 and force overtime. The baskets didn't fall in the extra period, according to Northville Coach Pete Wright, and the Mustangs fell, 42-36. Northville only hit one free throw in overtime, Northern hit for seven points to put the game away.

Northern senior center Jessica Knurick led all scorers with 16 points.

Northville senior forward

Evonna Karchon and junior Simone Toney each scored 10 points. Lindsey Blair added six. Wright said he has moved leading scorer Karchon around to different positions due to several injuries on the roster. She averages 10 points per game for 82 points so far this season, according to Wright.

Freshman Sarah Stern, junior Heather Cox and Blair, a junior, have stepped off of the bench to help fill depleted spots, he said.

The makeshift lineup found a rhythm last Thursday when they defeated Stevenson, 33-30.

It wasn't easy, according to Wright.

"We were fighting from behind, four to six points, the entire game," he said.

They fell behind early when they scored only two points in the first quarter. They trailed 14-9 at the half.

After the break Northville turned things around and put up nine points to Stevenson's four, which knotted the game at 18. Toney nailed three three-pointers in the fourth and Stern's only shot of the game was good for a triple, which pushed Northville past

Stevenson and secured the win, 33-30.

Toney led in the victory with 13 points. Senior guard Lauren Brodie scored nine for Stevenson.

Northville will travel to an equally struggling Franklin tonight. The schedule heats up next week when they have to finish against a strong Canton team and face the rest of the tough Plymouth-Canton district, Plymouth and Salem, the following week.

With key players returning to the line up by then, Wright said he's looking forward to it.

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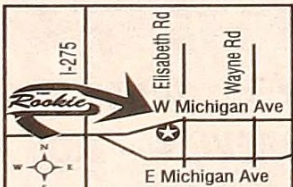
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Cezat leads Canton Chiefs to two victories

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton senior Katie Cezat rose above the competition and helped the Chiefs score 49 points in each of their last two games to secure victories against Franklin and Walled Lake Central.

She scored a combined 47 points and grabbed 30 rebounds in the two contests. In their latest confrontation against Franklin, Cezat contributed 62 percent of the offense with 31 points, according to Canton Coach Bob Blohm. Canton won the game, 49-33.

Cezat made most of her points on second-chance shots off of rebounds, Blohm said. The only

way to stop Cezat is to foul her and that didn't even work for the Patriots.

She also shot 13 points from the line; most of them contributed to three-point plays after she was fouled on a lay-up shot. She finished with 15 rebounds.

Molly Conlon hit for 10 points, five rebounds and made four assists. Becci Houdek had a great night directing and running the game, Blohm said. She contributed with five assists, and also deflected many shots and stole the ball several times in the win.

The Chiefs scored 25 points in the first half and limited Franklin to 16. They scored 12 points in each of the final two

quarters, which put the game away, 49-33.

The scoring was balanced when they defeated a struggling Walled Lake Central, 49-35, in their first meeting last week. Cezat led again with 16 points to lead the team to its third consecutive victory. She grabbed another 15 rebounds in the meeting.

Houdek and Conlon each scored nine points. Conlon had another five rebounds while Houdek made three assists and stole the ball three times. Lisa Ealy had a solid day on the boards, with seven rebounds. She added eight points to the scoreboard, as well.

"We had a pretty good balance throughout the game," Blohm

said. "We had a pretty good rhythm and flow in the first half. I figured all we had to do is come out and be consistent in the second half."

After they acquired a 30-13 lead at half time they scored another 19 points in the second half to secure the win. Central did outscore Canton 10-7 in the third frame and tied them in the fourth with 12. But Canton's consistency paid off in the 49-35 victory.

Canton played a floundering Churchill team Tuesday but the

results were unavailable at press time. They host Wayne Memorial, another struggling team, tonight and Travel to John Glenn next Tuesday.

Blohm may be in the exact spot he wants his team to be in before they meet Northville next Thursday—undefeated in conference play.

After Northville, the contests get a little more difficult. The 5-4 Chiefs, 3-0 in division, will have to take on an 8-1 Walled Lake Northern team and cross-campus rivals Plymouth and Salem.

Vikings overcome Tigers, 49-45

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Close, but not close enough.

That appears to be the theme of the Belleville Tigers varsity girls basketball team. They suffered their second straight loss when they took on the tough Inkster Vikings last Thursday night at home.

It wasn't for a lack of trying, either. They led the Vikings for most of the third quarter but just couldn't hang on in the fourth and fell, 49-45, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards.

Inkster had a 13-10 lead after one quarter of play but Belleville outscored them 15-12 in the second to knot the score at 25. The Tigers inched ahead in the third to take a three-point lead, 38-35, before they headed into the final frame of play.

Edwards said the team made some bad passes that resulted in turnovers – and points – for Inkster. They gave up the ball five times in the final three minutes of the game. Inkster took advantage and was able to put the game away, 49-45.

Despite some bad passes, the Tigers did show improvement in some areas, he said. The defense held their own against the Mega Red Champion Vikings and their free throw percentage was better; they hit 9 of 13 from the line.

"We're winning small battles that don't show on the score-

board," Edwards said. "On paper we're winning small battles. We played good defense and the girls are playing with more intensity."

Sophomore scoring machine Taylor Manley led Belleville with 17 points and Renee Seng added nine in the close battle. Senior Cynthia McGoldrick was solid on the boards, with 13 rebounds. She added six points to the mix. She's leading the

team is Monroe, who visited Belleville last Thursday. Belleville's defense was solid that day and held Monroe to just 34 points. However, their offense was off and they only knocked down 23 points in the meeting, according to Edwards.

The Tigers only hit 7 of 40 from the field and sunk only 9 of 20 from the line, he said.

Manley led the team with seven points.

Belleville endured the back-to-back losses without leading scorer senior Erika Brewer. She was averaging 17 points per game before an ACL injury she suffered in the against Willow Run.

The young team has held up against mega tough teams Inkster and Monroe but has also kept games close against strong teams such as Dearborn, Romulus and Salem. They just haven't been able to finish out the games on top, Edwards said.

The Tigers had a contest against yet another super team, Ann Arbor Pioneer, on Tuesday but the results were not available at press time.

"I hope the girls will learn from playing quality teams," Edwards said, "and in the end hopefully it will help out, come tournament time."

Belleville hosts the Southgate Titans tonight in a Mega Red match up while Inkster travels to Lincoln Park.

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**Belleville Coach
Kevin Edwards**

team in rebounds, Edwards said, with an average of 11 per game. "She's a smart ball player," he said, "she really plays the ball well."

Inkster is 6-4 overall and undefeated, 2-0, in the Meg Red Division. Guard Victoria McGowan had a huge game for the Vikings, with 14 points. Forward Tiffany Hagen nailed 13 points in the victory.

Inkster is probably the toughest team the Tigers will have to play in their division. Second to

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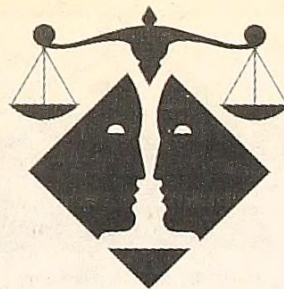
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Bill Bonds and I talked about local television news these days, talked about what you probably already know— local television news stinks. It should really be called “The Sales News Show,” with it’s so-called reporting from owners of weight loss clinics to eye surgery mills to...well, you know. Talked about vested interests.

What’s amazing is that TV bosses think they’re getting away insulting us by passing commercials off as news? Duh.

I saw *Anchorman*, an embarrassingly boring, and at times, tasteless waste of an hour and a half of one’s life.

Driving home, I thought about what Americans are being told and not told, and more importantly what is being censored from us, and how that drives stress to the max as it feeds fear for a lot of us.

What came to mind was the lies that led us to war and to fat contracts for Halliburton Co., a company that Vice-President Dick Cheney ran before stepping into his current job.

It amazes me how the brains of a multi-billion dollar company would hire a man with literally no experience running a massive organization like that. Yet, Halliburton hired Cheney.

Cut to the next scene.

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Hey, how about NBC? General Electric owns NBC. Or, how about right-wing tabloid news Fox? CNN? Who could investigate without big profits dictating what will or will not be broadcast?

The days of unbridled journalism are gone, and with it more of our freedom.

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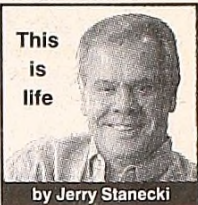
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59. Auctions

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on October 13, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.:
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1984 GMC
Pickup Truck
GTGC24M6E1507141
1994 Honda
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4 Door
1G4HR693XGH479642
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4 Door
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2 Door
1MEPM6041LH667642
1989 Buick
4 Door
1G4HR54C6KH410943
1993 Chrysler
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1C3XU4538PF559093
1984 Chevrolet
Station Wagon
1GBEG25H5E7138454
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Station Wagon
1GBDM15Z0GB161714
1995 Dodge
4 Door
1B3ES47C2SD510595
1995 Ford
Pickup Truck
1FTEF15N5SNB33325
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2 Door
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1988 Ford
4 Door
1FABP52U5JG287626
1991 Oldsmobile
4 Door
1G3BP83E1MW303916
1993 Chevrolet
4 Door
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Station Wagon
1GBEG25K4SF139527
1985 Cadillac
4 Door
1G6CB6988F4322277
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2 Door
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1982 Rinker
Boat
MC9560FH
Trailer

1990 Chevrolet
2 Door
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4 Door
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1994 Dodge
4 Door
1B3AP28K5RN183978
1993 Mercury
4 Door
1MELM5340PG628010
1991 Ford
Station Wagon
1GMDU34X3MUB96346

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On October 12, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Ford Taurus
4 Door-Gray
1FABP57U0KG277029
1993 Ford Escort
2 Door-Green
1FAPP1280PW215054
2000 Daewoo Lanos
4 Door-Burgundy
KLATA5262YB58285
1989 Ford F-150
Pickup Truck-Brown
2FTEF15Y3KCA88305

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1995 Ford Ranger
Pickup Truck-Teal
1FTCR14A3STA26881
1991 Dodge Shadow
2 Door-Red
1B3XP24D0MN571520
1991 GMC Blazer
Station Wagon-Black
1GKCT18Z5M0507449
1991 Chevrolet Corsica
4 Door-Blue
1G1LT53T4MY190988
1990 Chevrolet Beretta
2 Door-Blue
1G1LV14TXLY167392

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.
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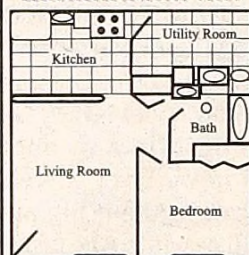
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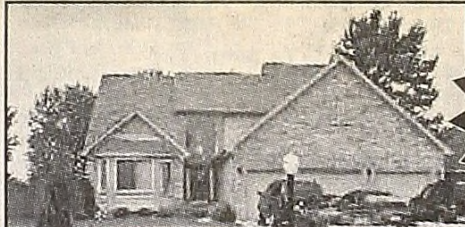


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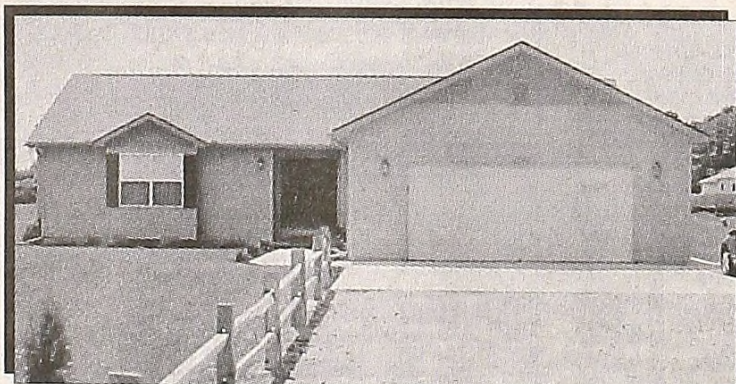


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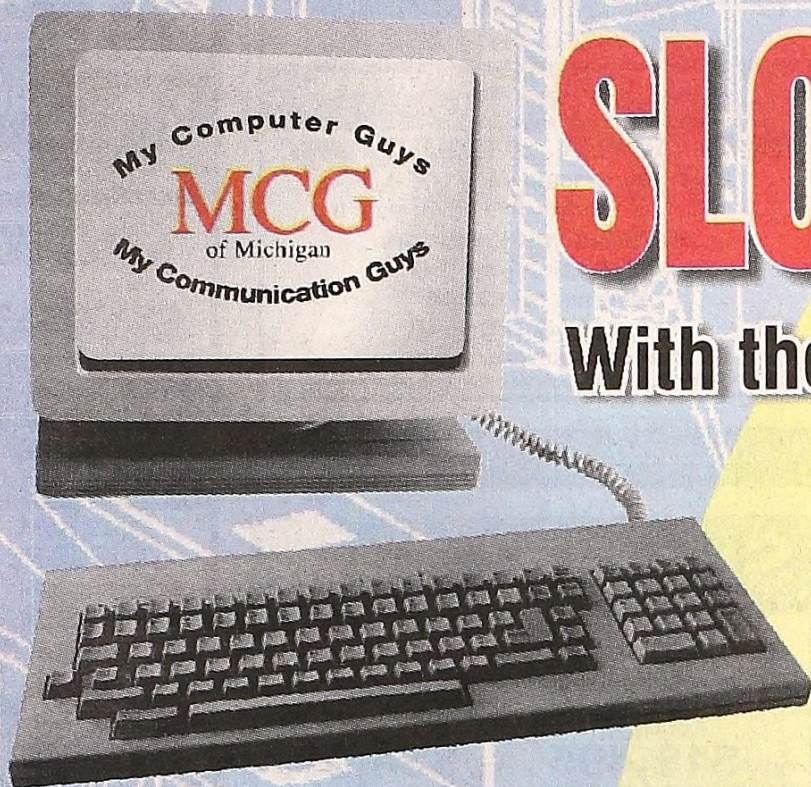
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